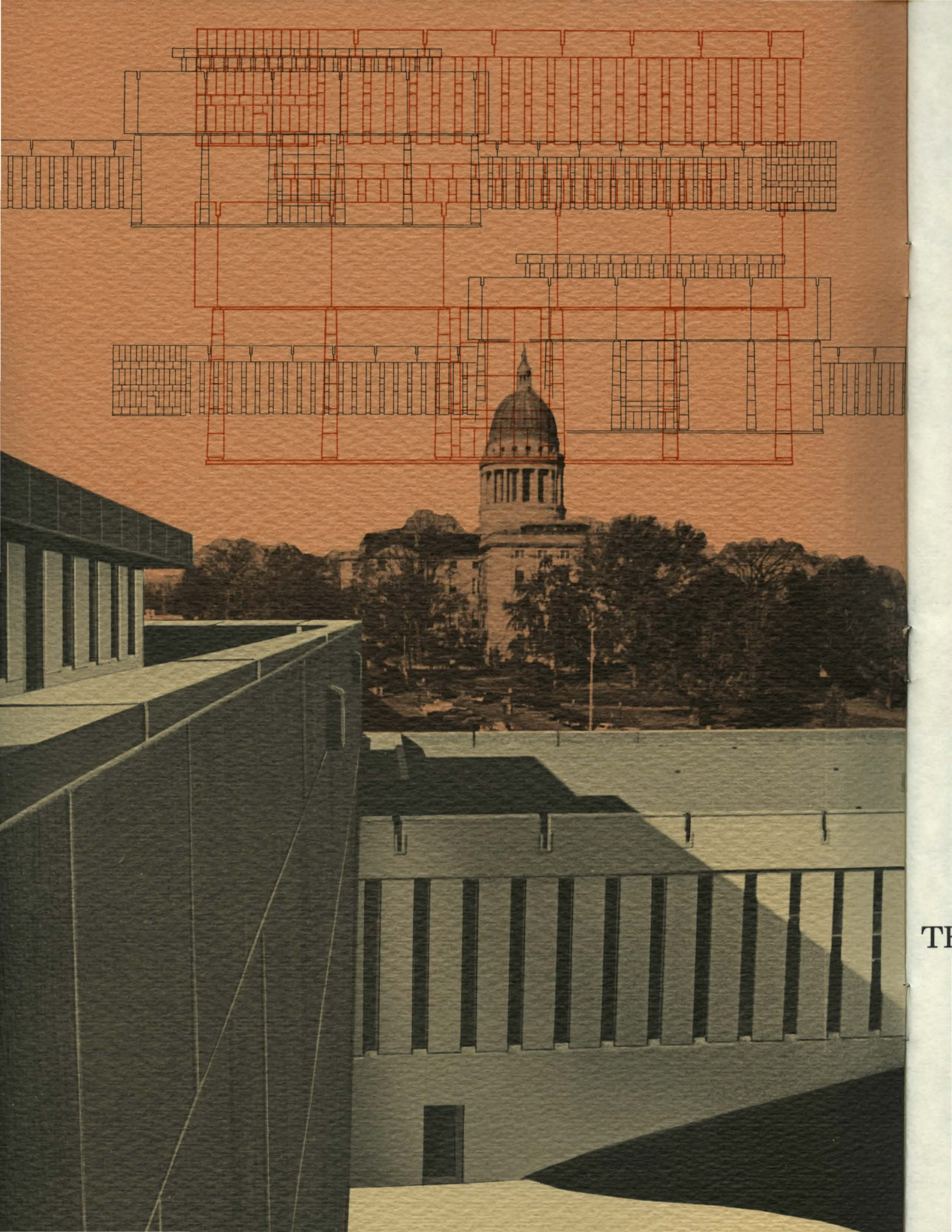




THE MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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To the Senate and House of Representatives
State of Maine

In accordance with the provisions of Title 27, section 5, of the
Revised Statutes, the report of the Maine State Library for the
period July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1970, is herewith submitted.

Ruth A. Hazelton
Librarian

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60th BIENNIAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

From its very earliest beginning, only a few years after Maine statehood, the goal of the Maine State Library has been service to meet the needs of the State, its government and its people. In the beginning emphasis was on service to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government but before the turn of the century the Library's horizon had broadened to include all the people of Maine.

The services now provided by the Library are focused in three principal areas:

Providing reference materials and services to any resident of Maine to supplement local library collections. Direct service is given to individuals in towns without a library or with libraries open only a few hours. Reference service is also provided for state departments.

Extending comprehensive law library and legislative reference services to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, to the Maine bar and to the residents of the State.

Developing library services, including advisory assistance to public and institutional libraries, bookmobile service to towns having no libraries, services to the visually and physically handicapped and planning for cooperative library services.

This report depicts the changes in and expansion of these services to Maine by the Maine State Library for more than a century.

Maine State Librarians

1861 - 1867	George G. Stacy	1910 - 1911	Henry C. Prince
1868 - 1871	Joseph T. Woodward	1912	Herbert E. Holmes
1872 - 1877	Josiah S. Hobbs	1913 - 1914	Henry C. Prince
1878	John D. Myrick	1915 - 1938	Henry E. Dunnack
1879	George G. Stacy	1938 - 1941	Oliver L. Hall
1880	John D. Myrick	1941 - 1947	Theresa C. Stuart
1881 - 1890	Josiah S. Hobbs	1947 - 1958	Marion B. Stubbs
1891 - 1904	Leonard D. Carver	1958 -	Ruth A. Hazelton
1905 - 1909	Ernest W. Emery		

THE MAINE STATE LIBRARY

CHRONOLOGY

1836 Legislative resolve authorizes Secretary of State to spend \$500 to purchase a library under the direction of the Governor for the use of the Legislature.

1839 Legislative act authorizes a State Library. The books belonging to the State by purchase or donation are collected and deposited in the south wing of the State House. Secretary of State takes charge of the Library.

1839 First printed catalog lists 3,349 volumes.

1861 Legislative act puts State Library under the direct control of the Governor and Council as a board of trustees with authorization to appoint a State Librarian.

1862 Civil War interrupts book exchanges with other states, a prime source of material for the Library which has an annual book budget of about \$500.

1865 Librarian reports "all classes of persons without distinction" have free access to books. Borrowing is still limited.

1866 Exchanges resume with southern state libraries. Governor Chamberlain orders eighty-three volumes of laws and documents sent to South Carolina to replace those "destroyed by fire during the rebellion."

1877 Librarian reports new catalog is "pressing need." Since printed catalog supplement of 1867 only listing of books is contained in annual reports.

1880 Librarian reports 3,000 books borrowed annually.

1889 Legislature votes \$150,000 to enlarge State House and provide new library facilities.

1891 Law imposes on Library duty of distributing laws of Maine and state reports totaling 10,000 books and pamphlets yearly.

1891 After thirty-one years on the top floor of the south wing of the State House, the Library moves to new quarters in the west wing of the enlarged building.

1891 Cataloging and classification by the Dewey Decimal System is begun.

1893 Maine State Library is made legal recipient of state documents.

1893 Legislature enacts law to encourage establishment of free public libraries by providing state aid for this purpose.

1894 Card catalog is completed.

1895 Library makes first statistical report on libraries in Maine, noting fifty-two free public libraries.

1897 After thirty-seven years of operation with a librarian and later an assistant librarian, a second clerk is requested.

1899 Legislative act extends the work of the State Library by providing that books can be lent to any responsible citizen and to free public libraries.

1899 Legislation establishes Maine Library Commission. Traveling libraries are authorized also.

1910 Library is moved to second floor of north wing of enlarged State House.

1915 Governor and Council authorize addition of legislative reference clerk to State Library staff.

1917 Legislative Reference Bureau is established by act of the Legislature.

1917 Commission is formed by the Legislature to investigate need for State Library building.

1919 Legislature authorizes an Index to Private and Special Laws and Resolves. Indexing begins in fall of 1919.

1921 All library laws are revised and consolidated in one chapter. The Library Commission is discontinued and its functions carried on by the State Library.

1931 First bookmobile service is offered with a Dodge truck donated by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

1932 Bookmobile service is discontinued due to lack of funds.

1953 Legislative act authorizes State Librarian "to provide bookmobile service for residents of the State, especially to rural schools and farm homes."

1957 Entire first floor of north wing of State House is turned over to the Library.

1958 Library room on second floor of north wing of the State House is renovated.

1966 Legislative act authorizes construction of new building to house Library, Archives and Museum.

1968 Ground-breaking ceremonies are held for new building.

1968 Library services are provided for the visually and physically handicapped.

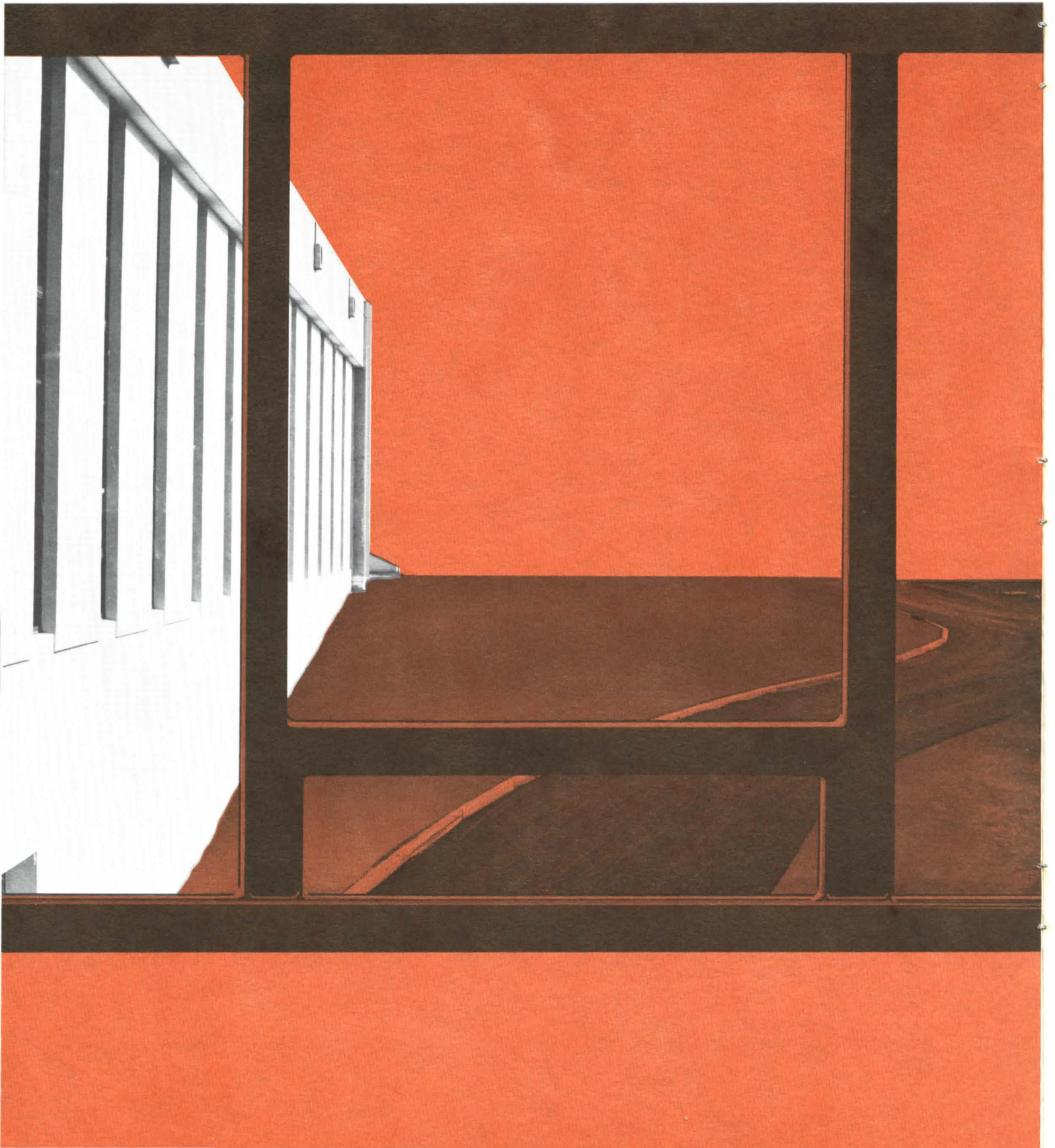
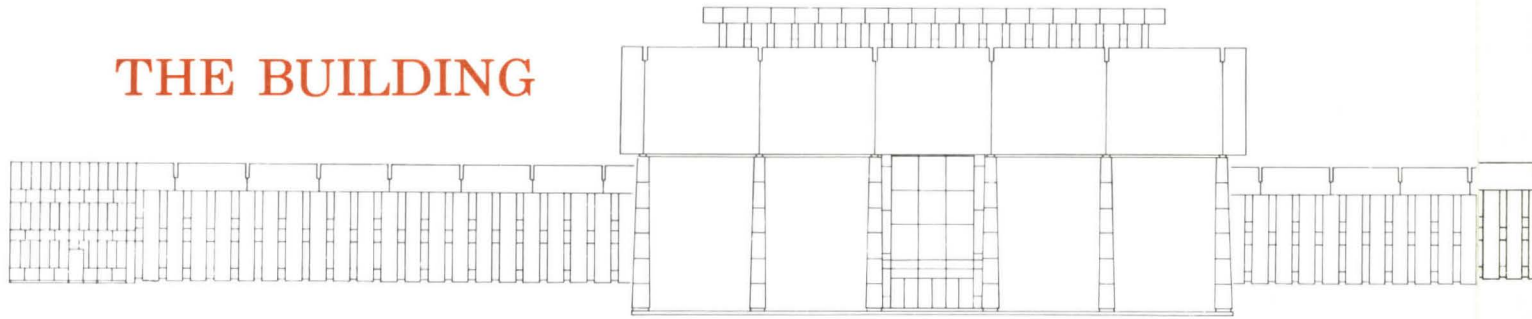
1968 Telephone-teletype network is established linking the State Library, college and public libraries.

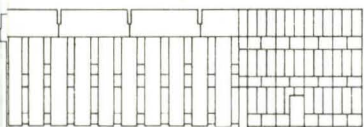
1969 Traveling libraries are discontinued.

1970 Library collection totals 521,259 volumes. Staff totals fifty-five.

1971 Library moves to new building. Law Section remains in State House.

THE BUILDING





dream becomes reality

For more than 100 years a shortage of space has plagued the Maine State Library. In 1929 the Legislature recognized the problem and approved a resolve in favor of either a new building or an addition. However, no funds were appropriated to implement the plans. The dark days of the depression killed any hope for a revival of the resolve.

In 1966 the Legislature again recognized the need for larger and more modern facilities and passed an act authorizing the construction of a new building to house the State Library, State Archives and State Museum. Voting in a November referendum, the people of Maine agreed to the need. The new quarters have turned a dream to reality.

The Library was born in a legislative resolve of February 3, 1836 authorizing the Secretary of State to spend \$500 to purchase a library for the use of the Legislature. The legislative act creating the Library, in charge of the Secretary of State, was passed in 1839. A major step was taken in 1861 when the Library was established as a separate department under the supervision of a State Librarian.

origins

Like an orphan child, the Maine State Library has had many homes. The Library was first located in the south wing of the State House, where it remained for more than fifty years. The earliest reports of state librarians during the Civil War and immediately afterwards indicate the extent to which lack of space hampered effective arrangement and use of the books. Decade after decade the Library became more crowded - and that was not the only problem.

After more than ten years of moving books during rainstorms, often at night, State Librarian Josiah S. Hobbs struck out in exasperation in his report of 1886.

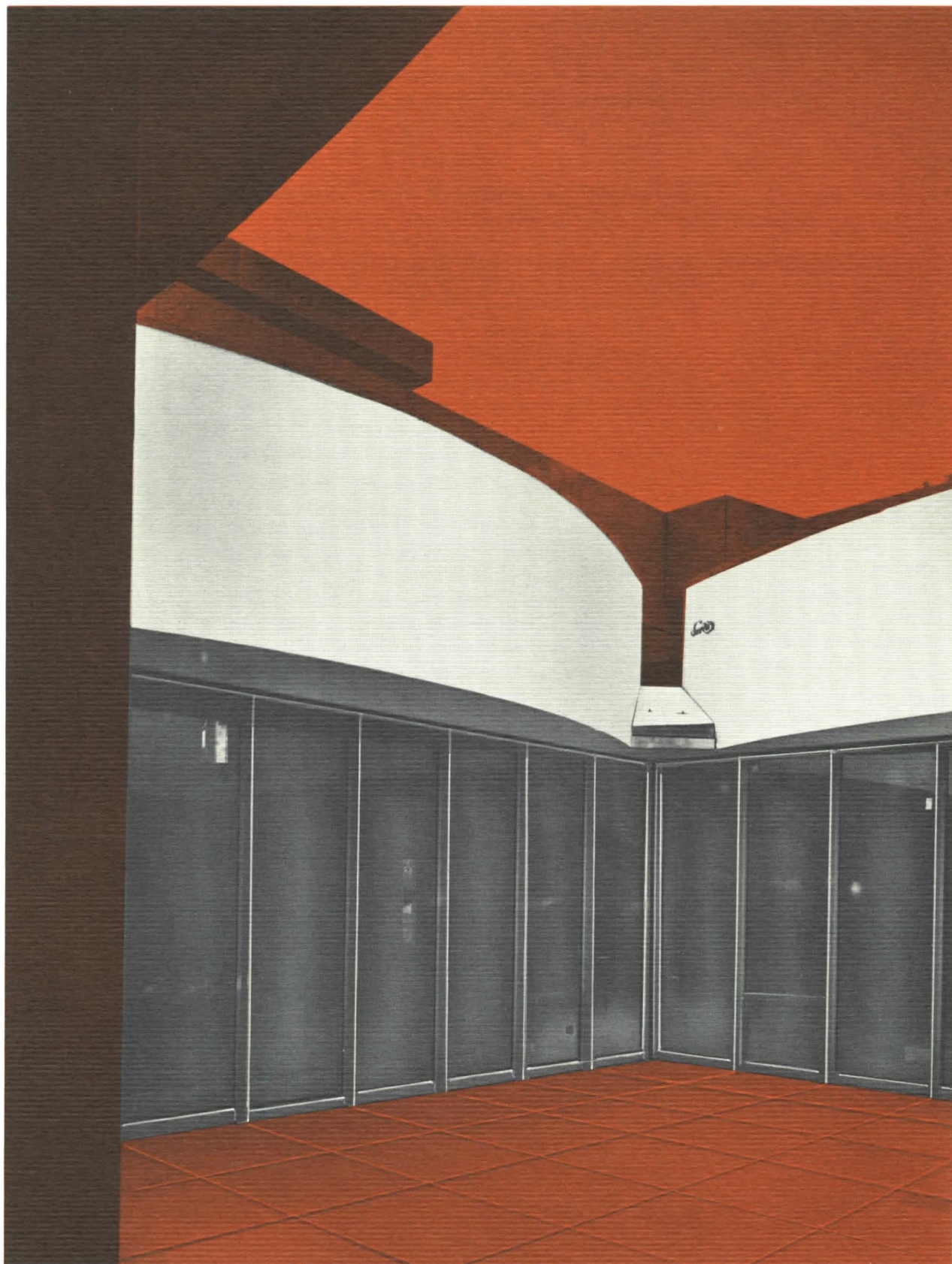
"New streams are liable to burst in upon us at any time, so it keeps the librarian and his assistant upon constant watch. It becomes almost impossible to keep books from getting wet and sometimes a nice volume becomes damaged and spoiled.

"I sometimes find great difficulty in keeping the Ten Commandments in anything like an unfractured condition. I feel like breaking the whole lot."

many locations

Finally heeding the voice of Hobbs and other State Librarians, the Legislature in 1889 appropriated \$150,000 to enlarge the State House and provide new library rooms. The new facility was completed in 1890 - the first library in New England to have steel shelving. These improved and expanded quarters helped to create a whole new attitude toward the role of the State Library in serving government and the public.

But space did not long keep pace with the rapidly increasing amount of material. In 1910 the State House was enlarged and the main portion of the Library was moved to the second floor of the north wing. In 1915 and 1916 floors, walls and lighting were completely renovated. However, by 1920 the Librarian stated that 25,000 reports and documents were in boxes in a room without windows or ventilation. Another 60,000 items were practically inaccessible - stored in boxes and attics.



Designs adapted from Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indian artifacts.



from stables and garages...

Despite twenty-five years of complaints and frustration due to lack of space, the Maine State Library lost space in 1952 when the traveling libraries were moved from the then State Highway Building and located in a stable. This began a decade of frequent moves of portions of the collection which scattered it in several locations.

Other library material housed in the State Highway Building was moved to the State Garage. About 45,000 books were placed in this location in the summer of 1952. In 1957 these books were moved to the basement of the State Office Building. In November 1962 the Library was required to move all material from the State Office Building to the Vickery-Hill Building.

In 1957 the State Library finally gained needed additional space when the first floor of the north wing of the State House was allocated to the Law and Legislative Reference Section, the Extension Section and technical processing. The second floor was renovated in 1958 to provide more shelving and more adequate reading space.

When the Library moved to the new building in 1971, the Law and Legislative Reference Section occupied the second floor of the north wing of the State House.

From authorization to completion the new building took approximately five years. Ground breaking ceremonies were held in July 1968 and construction completed early in 1971. The Maine State Library occupies slightly more than one-third of the space in the building. Now, for the first time in its long history, the Library has adequate office and stack space and all general library materials are housed in one location.

to modern facility

The entrance to the new building is at street level with an elevator providing ease of access to the three floors. A distinctive feature of the reading area is the adjacent glass-enclosed court surrounded by comfortable lounge chairs and study tables. Shades of red, gold, olive and blue provide colorful accents in the reading area and offices.

This modern facility is an asset to the State and will enable the Library to serve better all citizens.

As George G. Stacy said in the Second Annual Report of the Maine State Library in 1862:

"There is no citizen in Maine who is not interested in the State Library, and who has not a title in its property, for it belongs to no ecclesiastical, political, or social party or body whatever.

"What is expended is expended for themselves, it is money so invested as to benefit themselves, inevitably, for all coming time. And to make it what it should be, an institution worthy of the State, it needs only that liberal, and cheerfully rendered support which its importance demands."



LAW and LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE



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Identification marks used in the Maine logging industry.

only \$100 annually

The State of Maine and its Law Library grew up together. Only six years after Maine became a State in 1820, \$100 was spent annually to purchase books for legislative use. The few books purchased with this modest sum marked the beginning of the law collection of the Maine State Library - a collection that today totals some 76,000 volumes.

The years prior to the Civil War were ones of development, with an additional \$500 for the "purchase of a library for the use of the Legislature" being authorized in 1836. Three years later, in 1839, the Secretary of State, who had charge of the collection, was instructed to gather and catalog all state books. On behalf of the Governor he also distributed Maine laws, documents and court reports to other states. Exchanges between Maine and other states flourished and the catalog shows a large portion of these were law books. The volumes of laws and court reports created the foundation of the present virtually complete collection of the legal publications of all the states.

Civil War days

A special effort following the Civil War closed many of the gaps in the collection caused by the break in communication between North and South. These exchanges continue to bring substantial additions to the collection.

The expansion of the law collection paralleled the development of the State Library as a whole. Early emphasis was on service to the Legislature, Governor and Council, state officials and judges. The term of lawyer-librarian Leonard Carver in the 1890's was of vital importance to the law collection as he assessed the deficiencies in the law section and secured a legislative appropriation for several thousand dollars to complete sets of law reports.

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Even more important, Carver assured the continuity of the collection by having incorporated into the law a detailed description of the works to be kept, "... full and complete sets of digests, law reports, public laws and legislative documents of the United States and of the several states; a full set of English and Canadian law reports, digests of laws; the general works of law and practice . . . " These are still the guidelines of selection and acquisition. Special emphasis is given to those parts of the law collection not duplicated in the county law libraries.

guidelines for selection

The Law Section handles the sale of Maine Reports, statutes and session laws in addition to the duty of the State Library to distribute these publications.

For a number of years the Law Library has offered consulting services to county law libraries in areas such as budgeting, weeding of collections, management, book selection and cataloging. This practice became a part of the library law in 1955.

consulting services

In at least one way the Law Library is unusual. It is a **PUBLIC** law library available to anyone who wishes to use it. The law section serves the state legal officers, legislators, judges, attorneys and it also serves the general public. Unlike many law libraries, most of the collection is "as near as your mailbox" to any person living in Maine. Materials or advice on the use of the collection may be obtained directly, by mail or telephone. As this is a specialized collection of volumes unlikely to be available locally, it is not necessary to make requests through local libraries. Material is available to all, but the staff adheres to a strict rule of making no attempt to interpret the law or give legal advice.

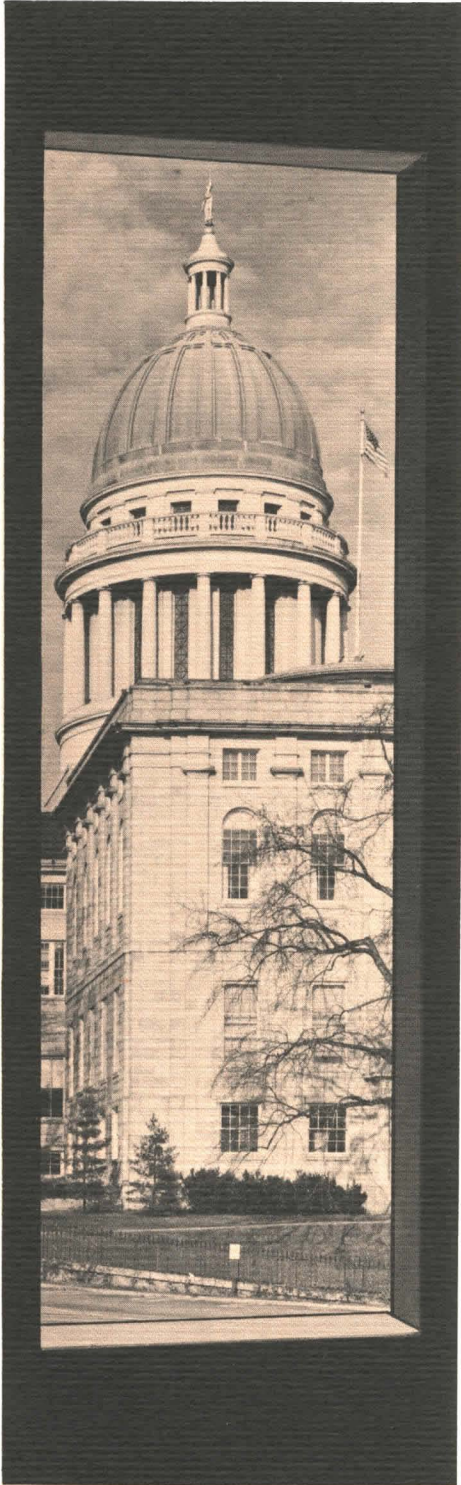
Among the thousands of items of the law collection are American, Canadian and English statutes, laws and reports; American state constitutional convention materials; Congressional bills, reports and debates; federal agency decisions and regulations; encyclopedias, digests, citators; ALR and Reporter System; treatises; law reviews and the Index to Legal Periodicals; Maine legal, legislative and departmental publications, including briefs and records of the Supreme Judicial Court. As ever greater attention and interest is focused on the decisions of government and the facts behind the decisions, the circle of use of the collection widens.

legislative reference

Recognizing the need for special resources for legislators, the Maine Legislature in 1917 created the Legislative Reference Service which had been initiated two years previously by appointing a clerk for this purpose. With its attention focused on current problems, the Legislative Reference Service strives to be abreast of the live and growing issues. The bulk of the collection is made up of thousands of pamphlets and reports. A clipping file is maintained covering a wide variety of pertinent legislative topics, the courts, political parties in Maine, and biographical material on Maine attorneys.

Current information is gathered, systematically organized and adapted to the needs of the individual legislators. The staff circulates pamphlets, clippings and books, answers direct questions, digests and summarizes information and refers questions to qualified state officials. To continue functioning effectively in its role of providing service to the Legislature and state officials, the Law and Legislative Reference Section remains in the second floor area of the north wing of the State House.

The Law Library looks forward to closer contact with the county law libraries and greater coordination of law library services throughout the State. The Legislative Reference Section, with the provision of more adequate space, will work to remain a dynamic resource making abundant material more readily available to the legislative branch of government and to interested Maine citizens.



REFERENCE COLLECTIONS and SERVICES

Since its establishment in 1839 the State Library has emphasized the acquisition of materials having value and interest to the researcher. In the earliest years the collection was designed primarily to serve the Legislature and state department officials. However, in 1900 the State Librarian reported that the lending of books and other materials to the general public was "flourishing". This was a result of the change in the law in 1899 which allowed the Library to lend books to any responsible citizen and to public libraries.

Today the General Loan and Reference Section maintains a non-fiction collection which encompasses a wide variety of subject material selected to meet the needs of both the general reader and the researcher. The fiction collection is limited to a selection of established authors, both classic and modern.

books for all

The substantial resources of this collection are available to any resident of the State, either directly or through local school and public libraries. To borrow by mail, persons living in communities having a local public library open at least five days a week must place requests through their local library. In the same way, material is lent through school libraries rather than to individual pupils.

Reference and interlibrary loan services have been greatly facilitated by the federally-funded teletype network which connects the State Library and eight other major resource libraries in the State. Wide area telephone service links other public and college libraries to the State Library, which in turn acts as a clearinghouse to locate material not available in its own collection. The network reaches to the farthest corner of the State to make library resources accessible to many more citizens.

telephone / teletype network

In addition to lending books, the State Library lends bibliographies of material in the Library. This makes it possible for Maine residents who are unable to visit the Library personally to know what is available on a particular subject.

Special collections relating to Maine add considerable depth to the Library's holdings.

family histories

A substantial genealogical collection includes volumes relating to the histories of New England families, with particular emphasis on Maine families. Also of value to the genealogical researcher is the collection of several thousand volumes relating to the history of New England towns, a majority being histories of towns in Maine.

The researcher will find the Library a rich source of other types of detailed information on Maine towns. In 1892 the State Librarian wrote every town in Maine and requested a complete file of the town's financial reports. This was the beginning of the extensive collection of town reports now held and maintained by the Library. Maine law now requires that town reports be filed with the Library. The Library also has substantial holdings of city directories and a complete file of the Maine Register dating back to 1820.

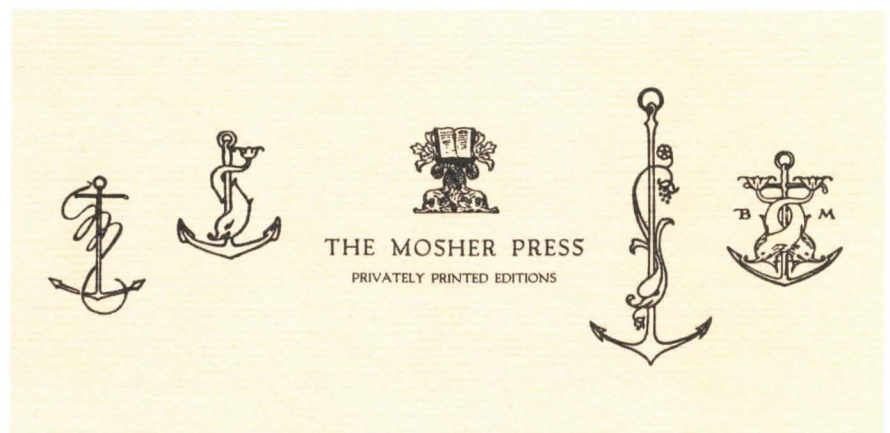
Maine authors

On permanent display in the Library's Maine Room is the Maine Author Collection of more than 3,300 volumes. The collection was started in the 1920's by Librarian Henry Dunnack. Books written prior to that time have been acquired over the years. The collection now contains an outstanding representation of the works of Maine authors. For the purposes of the collection, a Maine author is broadly defined to include not only Maine natives but also part-time residents and authors writing about Maine. A file of correspondence with many of the authors adds to the value and interest of the collection, as do the inscriptions in the books.

newspaper clipping file

A most valuable resource for material relating to Maine has been developed as a result of a clipping bureau started in May 1927. For about twenty years all Maine newspapers, together with many other Maine publications, were clipped for articles concerning Maine history or any aspect of life in Maine, including biographical material on Maine people. Today staff members maintain this service by clipping selected newspapers from various areas of the State.

In 1958, through the efforts of the Maine Federation of Music Clubs, an excellent collection of music by Maine composers was received. This collection, which numbers nearly a thousand pieces, is available for use in the Library.



Publisher's marks used by Thomas Mosher.

For twenty years the State Library anticipated the receipt of an outstanding collection of materials relating to the Katahdin area. The collection, gathered by the late Captain Myron H. Avery, consists of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, photographs, negatives, slides and paintings. In 1950 part of the collection was received, but it was not possible to house the remainder of the collection until space was provided in the Maine Room.

Katahdin collection

From 1894 to 1926 Thomas Bird Mosher of Portland collected and published poetry and prose chosen from scarce editions and sources not generally known. Two sets of these Mosher editions are in the Library. They reveal Mosher's discrimination in typography, paper, press work and binding, as well as in choice of content.

Files of the principal Maine newspapers are available on microfilm, including such important early newspapers as the **Bangor Daily Whig and Courier** and the **Eastern Argus**.

From its earliest days the Maine State Library has maintained a collection of federal and state publications. At the end of the 19th Century the Secretary of the Interior commented that he thought Maine had "one of the best and most complete sets of Government and Department publications." Today the Library is a selective depository for the publications of the federal government, with particular strength in the fields of commerce, health, education, welfare and agriculture. Since 1893 the Library has been the legal recipient and custodian of state documents. Legislation passed in that year also required the maintenance of a documents department in the Library.

federal and state documents

In the new building all sections of the General Loan and Reference Collection are brought together for the first time since the earliest years of the Library. Materials are more accessible because of improved arrangement and adequate space. With sufficient room to grow, it is anticipated that the collection will be expanded to meet more adequately the needs of Maine residents, through both the traditional and newer media.



LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

A wave of intellectual excitement swept Maine in the closing years of the 19th Century bringing a growing realization of the possibilities inherent in education and personal achievement. The electric light, the telephone, the automobile, the phonograph and other major new inventions by the score would make the decades that lay ahead ones of drastic change. This was also a period of great library development. Dozens of new libraries were founded and many subscription libraries became free public libraries.

public libraries established

In 1893 the Maine Legislature enacted a law to encourage the establishment of free public libraries by providing state aid for this purpose, for in this era it was felt to be a reasonable goal for every community to have its own library. Another section of the law provided for a donation of books to every library established in a town of not more than 1,500 population. The law also provided that a librarian or trustee might receive instruction from the State Library on maintenance and administration.

In 1899 a Maine Library Commission was created by the Legislature and given the specific duty of developing library service in the State. Although the Commission office was at the State Library and the State Librarian was ex-officio secretary of the Commission, the work of the two departments was entirely separate.

traveling libraries

Recognizing the large area of Maine and the scattered population, the Legislature in 1899 also provided for traveling libraries and the first efforts of the Commission were devoted to their selection and distribution. For seventy years the traveling libraries brought books to rural schools, to small public libraries and to summer camps. In the early years, special collections were lent to granges, Scout groups, manufacturing establishments and Sunday schools. The expansion of bookmobile service in the 1950's and the growth of school libraries in the 1960's made it evident by 1969 that the long and useful life of the traveling libraries should be brought to a close.

In 1921 the Library Commission was discontinued and the State Library was directed by law to carry on the work of the Commission under the name Bureau of Library Extension. This Bureau, which is now called the Extension Section, continued the Commission's programs and initiated many new programs which contributed to library development.

For more than seventy years the State Library has been concerned in the administration of programs designed to assist persons working in the public libraries of Maine. These programs, some of which were begun by the Library Commission, have included:

varied programs

A regular course of instruction in library methods which featured summer schools held annually at Augusta or Orono. This was offered for a few years beginning in 1904.

A series of two-day institutes held at five points in the State for a short period beginning in 1914.

A series of annual Round Table meetings begun about 1931. The Library continues to hold these meetings for librarians and trustees to keep them abreast of new publications and recent library developments. Special workshops on a variety of subjects are held periodically.

round tables

Instruction in library methods for librarians or trustees of public libraries provided for by legislative act of 1917. In practice this was extended to include other types of libraries.

An apprenticeship program established at the State Library in the mid-1920's to train people to become library workers and to encourage them to obtain professional library training. This program continued until 1962.

A correspondence course in library methods for public librarians started in 1922 and still offered today.

correspondence course

Advisory visits to public libraries by members of the Library Commission and later the State Library staff. This has been a policy for more than fifty years and remains a vital part of the Extension Service today.

The publication of the **Maine Library Bulletin** from April 1911 to 1933. This covered the work of the State Library and the Library Commission and included articles pertaining to Maine history as well as information on public libraries in the State.

More recently the State Library, with federal funds appropriated under the Library Services Act of 1956, has been able to provide additional services to public libraries. In July 1956 the Library began publication of the **Downeast Newsletter** and distributed it monthly to public libraries until July 1965. At that time the Library joined

with the state library agencies in New Hampshire and Vermont to publish cooperatively **North Country Libraries**. This professional journal, keyed to the interests of the small public library in the three-state area, is published bi-monthly and sent to every public librarian and library trustee in Maine.

For a brief period from February 1968 to June 1969, a part-time consultant met with local boards of library trustees in an advisory capacity. Unfortunately, lack of federal funding made it necessary to discontinue this highly successful service.

centralized cataloging

In January 1969 the State Library, in cooperation with the New Hampshire State Library, offered centralized cataloging card service to public libraries in Maine. Professionally prepared catalog cards were supplied without cost to participating public libraries. Due to a cut in funds the service was discontinued from July 1969 to January 1971.

Since May 1970 a regular bi-monthly series of seven book selection meetings for public librarians has been held in various sections of the State.

Warmly welcomed today by both children and adults in communities the length and breadth of Maine, the bookmobiles have been a focal point of public attention. The history of the popular bookmobiles and their hundreds of thousands of miles of travel spans forty years.

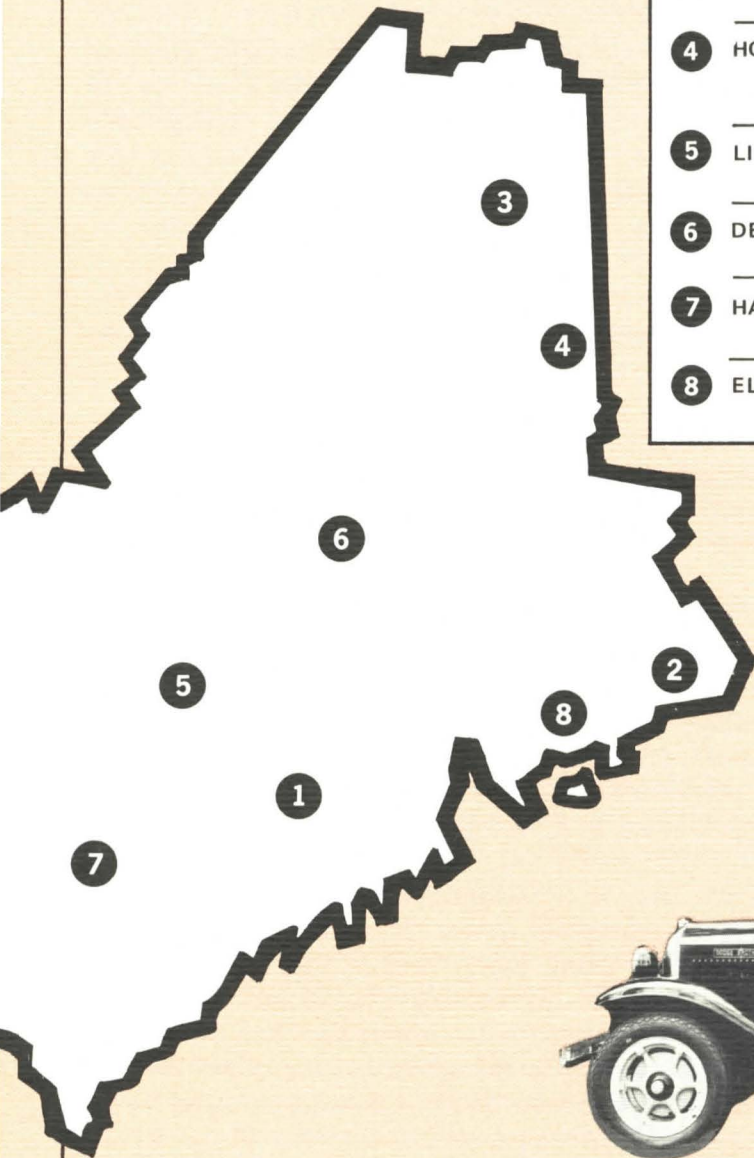
bookmobiles

In 1931 the Business and Professional Women's Clubs presented the State Library with its first bookmobile - a ton and a half Dodge with a capacity of 600 volumes. During the summers of 1931 and 1932 the bookmobile visited 434 towns, traveled more than 4,000 miles, lent thousands of books to individuals and placed 101 traveling libraries in rural communities. The depression years curtailed funds forcing the Library to drop the bookmobile service in 1932.

Some twenty years later in 1953 the Legislature authorized the Library to "provide bookmobile service for residents of the State, especially to rural schools and farm homes." Funds were appropriated for the bookmobile but nothing was allowed for books. A number of Maine organizations and individuals assisted the Library in obtaining books. Permanent bookmobile service to towns with no public library began in December 1953 in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties. Subsequent legislatures recognized the value of the service and made appropriations for two more state-supported bookmobiles to serve Washington County and northern Aroostook County.

Referring to this early bookmobile service, State Librarian Marion B. Stubbs said, "Few homes in the area covered have books which are suitable for children and young people to read. The children are literally starved for recreational reading matter other than comic books. It would not have been surprising to find newness a little worn after the first visits, but the interest and demand seemed to grow with each circuit of the route. Adults speak of the service as one of the finest things that ever happened to their towns."

The Bookmobiles



1	AUGUSTA AREA	1953	Based in Augusta - Serves primarily Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties.
2	WASHINGTON COUNTY	1955	Based in East Machias - Serves Washington County.
3	NORTHERN AROOSTOOK	1958	Based in Caribou - Serves northern Aroostook County.
4	HOULTON AREA	1959	Based in Houlton - Serves southern Aroostook, northern Washington and Penobscot counties.
5	LIVERMORE FALLS AREA	1960	Based in Livermore Falls - Serves western part of the State.
6	DEXTER AREA	1961	Based in Dexter - Serves the central part of the State.
7	HARRISON AREA	1966	Based in Harrison - Serves additional areas of the western part of the State.
8	ELLSWORTH AREA	1966	Based in Ellsworth - Serves Hancock County and adjacent areas.



1931



1970

'bookmobile, I love you'

Using the federal funds that became available in 1956, the Maine State Library gave priority to continued development of bookmobile service. Five more bookmobiles were put on the road between 1959 and 1966 to extend coverage throughout Maine. For more than seventeen years bookmobiles have provided information and recreation to children and adults in Maine. The positive reaction of users of all ages has not waned since Mrs. Stubbs described it in 1953. Despite radio and television most children still react like the small Penobscot Indian boy who banged open the door of his school to greet the bookmobile's arrival by shouting, "Bookmobile, I love you."

Many other federally-supported programs involving direct service to the public have proven of value in recent years. In May 1958 the Maine State Library joined with the state library agencies in New Hampshire and Vermont to establish the North Country Libraries Film Cooperative. The films in this collection may be borrowed by public libraries to use in library-sponsored programs or to lend to community organizations.

institutional libraries

The State Library, using federal funds which first became available for this purpose in 1967, has worked over the last three years to improve library services in state-operated institutions. A ten-year plan was formulated and, beginning in 1968, nine institutions were granted financial assistance that would help strengthen library resources and enable them to meet more effectively the needs of the persons in the institutions. As a result of this initial effort, all institutional libraries are beginning to play a vital role in treatment and rehabilitation in the expanding academic and vocational programs.

help for handicapped

In 1967 a survey was made to determine the unmet needs of the visually and physically handicapped. The following year various reading aids and devices were purchased, statewide collections of large print materials were improved and funds were made available to enlarge the Talking Book program. A program called SHARE (So Handicapped All Read Easily) was undertaken in 1969 to publicize and extend the service to the handicapped. As a result of these efforts Talking Book readership has increased significantly and distribution of devices to aid reading has restored the means to read independently to a large number of infirm and disabled persons.

Through its function of planning and administration of federal funds, the State Library has also been actively involved in five library construction projects which have greatly benefited public library service. Projects were approved in 1965 at Freeport, Presque Isle and South Portland. Approval for the public library in Houlton and the new State Library followed in 1967.

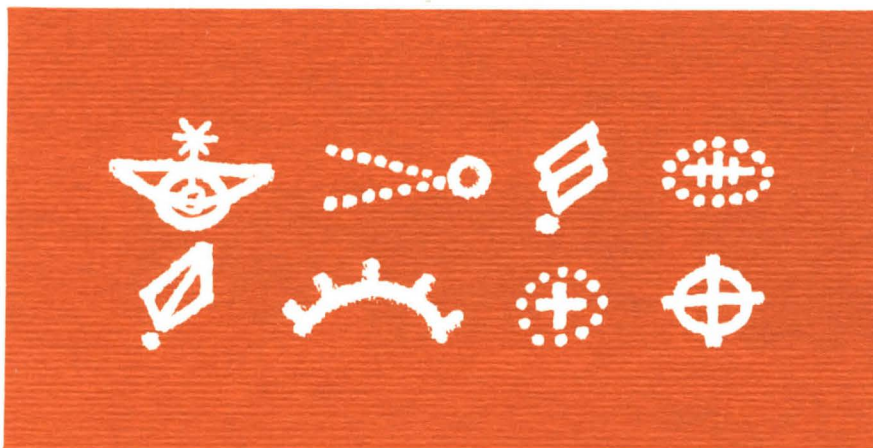
The Maine State Library is concerned with taking a broad view of the total library needs of the State and evolving plans to meet these needs, now and in the future. In the spring of 1961 the Library, with the cooperation of the Maine Library Association, arranged for a survey of public library service. The purpose of the study was to assess present services, to make recommendations for future development and to serve as the basis for the creation of standards for Maine's public libraries. Miss L. Marion Moshier conducted the survey and the Library published her report, **Are Maine's Public Libraries in Focus?**

During 1969 and 1970 a milestone in library development was the creation and work of the Governor's Task Force to Study Library Services in Maine. The Maine State Library is represented on this group which is working to develop a comprehensive plan to coordinate all library development in Maine over a reasonably extensive span of time.

The Maine State Library is constantly striving to meet the changing needs of Maine citizens. New programs are initiated and programs that are no longer productive are discontinued. The Library is actively involved in planning for the continued progressive development of library service in Maine.

plans for future

A selection of navigational symbols commonly used on charts of the Maine coast.



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Guide to the Law Section of the Maine State Library.
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Vermont. 1965 - date. Bi-monthly.
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Basic Buying List of Children's Books. 1966. 257p.

Survey of Lithgow Library, Augusta, Maine.
1966. 65p.

Directory of Special Subject Resources in Maine.
1967. 52p.

Objectives, Organization, Operation of a Library
Council. 1967. 16p.

Here Comes the Bookmobile! 1969. 4p.

As Near as Your Mailbox.
(A folder explaining services offered by the
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Miscellaneous bibliographies:

Books to Enjoy. 1948. (For children).

It's Fun to Read. 1959.

Books with a Maine Flavor for Children. 1960.
Maine in the Civil War: a list of materials in the
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Sight-saving Books Available at the Maine
State Library. 1969.

Selected List of Books Recently Added to the
Maine State Library. (Issued several
times a year).

STATISTICS

Accessions

	1968-69	1969-70	Totals
By purchase			
Main Library	2,130	1,934	4,064
Law Library	561	596	1,157
Traveling libraries	50	0	50
Bookmobiles	7,746	6,257	14,003
	<u>10,487</u>	<u>8,787</u>	<u>19,274</u>
By gift			
Main Library	161	135	296
Law library	28	21	49
Bookmobiles	348	326	674
	<u>537</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>1,019</u>
By exchange			
Law library	315	320	635
From U. S. government			
Main library	3,292	4,299	7,591
Law library	194	276	470
	<u>3,486</u>	<u>4,575</u>	<u>8,061</u>
Maine state, county and town reports			
Main Library	1,013	1,439	2,452
Law library	40	54	94
	<u>1,053</u>	<u>1,493</u>	<u>2,546</u>
Maine author collection	7	77	84
Microfilm	137	231	368
Miscellaneous			
Bookmobiles (Transfers from Traveling Libraries)	1,517	1,771	3,288
	<u>1,517</u>	<u>1,771</u>	<u>3,288</u>
Total	<u>17,539</u>	<u>17,736</u>	<u>35,275</u>

Withdrawals

	1968-69	1969-70	Totals
Main Library	777	446	1,223
Law library	63	78	141
Traveling libraries	7,807	6,124	13,931
Bookmobiles	3,670	971	4,641
Total	<u>12,317</u>	<u>7,619</u>	<u>19,936</u>

Circulation / General Loan Section

	1968-69	1969-70	Totals
General Works	1,377	1,868	3,245
Philosophy	2,475	2,419	4,894
Religion	981	1,016	1,997
Social Science	8,580	8,262	16,842
Language	395	392	787
Science	5,091	3,926	9,017
Useful Arts	8,888	8,315	17,203
Fine Arts	8,839	7,778	16,617
Literature	5,363	4,224	9,587
History	13,213	12,128	25,341
Travel	4,081	3,460	7,541
Biography	11,217	8,700	19,917
Current Periodicals	8,616	6,091	14,707
Law and Legislative Reference	17,824	13,122	30,946
Vertical File	592	353	945
U. S. Documents	1,108	968	2,076
Maine Documents	836	631	1,467
Microfilm	461	437	898
Total	<u>99,937</u>	<u>84,090</u>	<u>184,027</u>

Circulation / Bookmobiles

	Adult - Juvenile	Adult - Juvenile	Totals
	1968-69	1969-70	
Augusta Area	14,477 - 46,307	14,992 - 39,618	115,394
Washington County	16,162 - 16,969	12,252 - 13,901	59,284
Northern Aroostook	12,274 - 54,608	10,709 - 43,578	121,169
Houlton Area	17,594 - 47,870	18,497 - 47,612	131,573
Livermore Falls Area	15,667 - 36,014	16,075 - 40,977	108,733
Dexter Area	13,969 - 40,049	13,420 - 39,408	106,846
Harrison Area	18,222 - 38,781	20,893 - 46,012	123,908
Ellsworth Area	10,941 - 33,422	13,951 - 38,949	97,263
Total	<u>119,306 - 314,020</u>	<u>120,789 - 310,055</u>	<u>864,170</u>

Circulation / Traveling Libraries

	1968-69	1969-70	Totals
Easy reading	38	0	38
Grades 3-4	33	0	33
Grades 4-6	23	0	23
Grades 4-8	29	0	29
Rural, Grades 1-8	2	0	2
Junior High School	27	0	27
High School	12	0	12
Maine	1	0	1
Nature	0	0	0
Reading Courses	4	0	4
Special	3	0	3
Total	<u>172</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>172</u>

Binding

Books	1,113
Periodicals	688
Court Reports	188
Laws	14
Legislative Publications	89
Total	<u>2,092</u>

STATISTICS

Documents

Distributed to the public officers and libraries entitled to receive them:

State department reports	3,920
State department miscellaneous publications	5,104
Library checklist of state publications	3,032
* Maine Reporter 1968, 1968-69	496
* Maine Reporter, advance sheets	23,500
Legislative Documents, 1969-70	23,998
Maine Revised Statutes, 1964, unannotated	64
1967 Cumulative Supplements to MRS	114
1969 Cumulative Supplements to MRS	201
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, 1964	35
1967 Cumulative Supplements to MRSA	3
1968 Cumulative Supplements to MRSA	364
1969 Cumulative Supplements to MRSA	355
1968 Legislative Service	65
1969 Legislative Service	2,013
1970 Legislative Service	663
Laws, 1965	5
Laws, 1967	47
Laws, 1969	573
Laws, Special session 1970	89
Miscellaneous volumes of laws	12
Index to Private & Special Laws 1820-1944	3
Index to Private & Special Laws 1944-1957	4
* Legislative Record 1969-70	248
Legislative Research Committee and Interim Committee Reports	2,034
Proposed Maine Business Corporation Act	272
Maine Key-Number Digest	6
Maine Civil Practice, 2d edition	120
Maine Criminal Practice	3
Maine State Bar Association Proceedings v. 56, v. 57	130
Maine Bar Bulletin v. 2, v. 3, v. 4, no. 1-3	499

Sales

1967 Cumulative Supplements to MRS	11
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, 1964	36
1968 Cumulative Supplements to MRSA	179
1969 Cumulative Supplements to MRSA	178
Laws, 1965	26
Laws, 1967	33
Laws, 1969	317
Index to Private & Special Laws 1820-1944	2
Index to Private & Special Laws 1944-1957	5
Miscellaneous volumes of Maine Laws	1
Miscellaneous volumes of Maine Reports	221
Maine Civil Practice (1st. ed.)	9

* Shipped directly to recipients by the publisher

FINANCES

Receipts

Appropriations:	1968-69	1969-70
Departmental Operations	\$229,212.00	\$279,021.00
Transfer for Salaries	6,996.00	
Maine Court Reports	8,350.00	8,600.00
Contingent Fund	200.12	
Federal Grant	259,135.36	
Encumbrances brought forward	47,566.21	12,780.56
Adjustment of balance forward	(638.62)	(90.86)
Insurance	232.00	36.00
Reserve	(4,724.00)	
Total	\$546,329.07	\$300,346.70

The following moneys were received and deposited to the credit of the general fund of the state:

Fines	\$ 592.66	\$ 393.81
Sales: miscellaneous	20.00	3.00
Sales: laws, statutes, etc.	3,581.87	10,206.21
Sales tax	34.29	132.58
Miscellaneous special services	153.15	97.60
Miscellaneous refunds	486.96	1,067.11
	\$ 4,868.93	\$ 11,900.31

Expenditures

	1968-69	1969-70
Salaries	\$280,622.06	\$173,991.46
Casual labor	170.50	62.75
Books	52,344.48	38,254.71
Periodicals	10,443.58	5,613.55
Microfilm	244.54	1,072.46
Binding	2,885.78	3,847.55
Postage	5,950.60	5,000.78
Freight, express	61.63	97.96
Office supplies	15,178.38	5,104.80
Utilities	4,708.90	3,775.10
Repairs	584.43	258.70
Printing, advertising	3,827.47	193.14
Professional fees	17,586.69	24.65
Travel	5,582.12	1,645.79
Scholarships	1,062.50	
Furniture, typewriters, equipment	34,236.62	1,345.81
Gas, oil, vehicle maintenance	13,967.15	6,025.24
Rent	10,500.00	3,470.00
Fuel	802.82	774.23
State aid	18,863.86	18,807.34
Films	3,162.86	
Maine Court Reports	8,550.12	8,550.00
Miscellaneous	184.16	251.66
Total	\$491,521.25	\$278,167.68
Encumbered balance forward	\$ 12,780.56	\$ 14,010.57
Unexpended balance lapsed	48,233.93	8,168.45
Unexpended balance carried (Federal)	22,976.00	
	\$ 83,990.49	\$ 22,179.02

FINANCES (continued)

Title I / Federal Library Services

Receipts	
	1969-70
Federal Grant	\$207,334.00
Balance forward	22,976.00
Insurance	260.00
Total	\$230,570.00

Expenditures	
Salaries	\$123,771.67
Casual labor	92.25
Professional fees	11,144.00
Travel	929.06
Gas, Oil, vehicle maintenance	8,282.60
Utilities	979.30
Rent	6,833.15
Repairs	120.83
Postage	1,248.89
Binding	134.90
Printing	3,269.07
Periodicals	220.82
Freight, express	51.60
Fuel	150.30
Office supplies	2,314.99
Films	5,255.08
Books	10,145.23
Furniture, typewriters, equipment	3,398.05
Miscellaneous	10.00
Total	\$178,351.79
Encumbered balance forward	\$ 43,764.43
Unexpended balance carried	8,453.78
Total	\$ 52,218.21

Special Federal Library Services Title IV A / State Institutional Services

Receipts		
	1968-69	1969-70
Federal Grant	\$39,509.00	\$39,509.00
Encumbrances brought forward	23,458.95	22,691.49
Adjustment of balance forward		(272.32)
Total	\$62,967.95	\$61,928.17

Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ 1,984.11	\$ 5,589.50
Professional fees	3,042.50	2,040.00
Travel	737.05	258.47
Utilities	4.50	8.75
Repairs	30.00	26.50
Postage	23.84	20.02
Periodicals	28.60	253.30
Printing, advertising		14.00
Office supplies	1,960.29	2,285.34
Books	15,960.62	20,030.46
Films	1,432.97	2,518.80
Furniture, typewriters, equipment	12,935.23	11,747.83
Miscellaneous	2.40	
Total	\$38,142.11	\$44,792.97
Encumbered balance forward	\$22,691.49	\$13,305.81
Unexpended balance	2,134.35	3,829.39
Total	\$24,825.84	\$17,135.20

Special Federal Library Services Title III / Interlibrary Cooperation

Receipts		
	1968-69	1969-70
Federal Grant	\$23,367.64	\$40,858.00
Encumbrances brought forward		7,432.25
Total	\$23,367.64	\$48,290.25
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ 1,541.90	\$13,179.00
Professional fees	567.75	14,892.21
Travel		2,461.85
Utilities	9,725.66	11,408.77
Postage	7.77	36.87
Office supplies	76.30	193.73
Books		85.00
Equipment	29.50	
Total	\$11,948.88	\$42,257.43
Encumbered balance forward	\$ 7,432.25	\$ 6,307.62
Unexpended balance	3,986.51	(274.80)
Total	\$11,418.76	\$ 6,032.82

Special Federal Library Services Title IV B / Services to the Physically Handicapped

Receipts		
	1968-69	1969-70
Federal Grant	\$24,830.00	\$21,700.00
Encumbrances brought forward	5,920.19	5,620.51
Total	\$30,750.19	\$27,320.51
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ 1,984.11	\$ 5,590.50
Professional fees	3,995.60	3,153.92
Travel	81.18	242.23
Utilities	1.00	5.45
Postage	12.54	26.77
Periodicals	48.60	98.55
Office supplies	135.01	853.43
Books	7,750.36	52.20
Furniture, typewriters, equipment	4,723.79	9,766.31
Talking Book machines	4,673.00	4,850.00
Miscellaneous	19.08	24.67
Total	\$23,424.27	\$24,664.03
Encumbered balance forward	\$ 5,620.51	\$ 2,272.85
Unexpended balance	1,705.41	383.63
Total	\$ 7,325.92	\$ 2,656.48

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